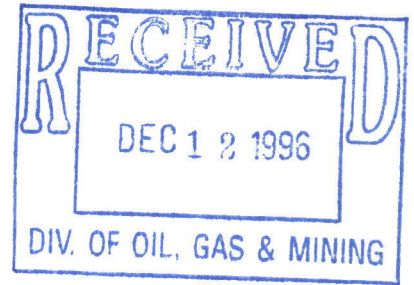


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December 10, 1996

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Re: Cisco Springs #1 Mine, S/019/031, Grand County UT

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

I thought we had done a fairly good job of cleaning up this site.

The two tin "shacks" you mention were constructed by me several years ago. I think you ought to know the history behind them. At that time, I was leasing the land with the intention of completing a land trade to purchase. We had acquired water rights after much time and effort. We received word from Stan Baker with State Trust Lands that the land trade had been approved, so I built the two buildings out of brand new materials within a 2 week period. I blocked up our house trailer permanently, planted trees and generally prepared to complete the homestead for myself, my wife, and my young son. You'd be surprised what you can accomplish in 2 weeks when you're making a home.

Then we got the incredible news that a "mistake" had been made and we could not purchase the land after all. Not long after, we had to move. We had lost our home and all our plans went down the drain.

I left the buildings, thinking I was doing the state a favor by leaving something of value to whomever happened by that way. If you want them removed, I will dismantle them.

The metal tank was already there. What you took for car batteries are simply unused battery cases. I was given these cases by a friend so I could build my own batteries. They have never been used. There never was any battery acid in them. They are harmless. I removed many of them but did not go back to get the last ones. We removed all our vehicles and equipment. We cleaned the area of debris and trash when we cleaned up the site. If there is much there now, it is from somebody else who has been there since we left.



This area was homesteaded about 20 years before we moved there. It had been used as a generally dumping area of oil well equipment and vehicles and old cars and trucks. Perhaps you don't understand how essential it is to have a supply of parts and fittings in this kind of remote place. Most of us can't afford to go to town and buy new stuff whenever we feel like it.

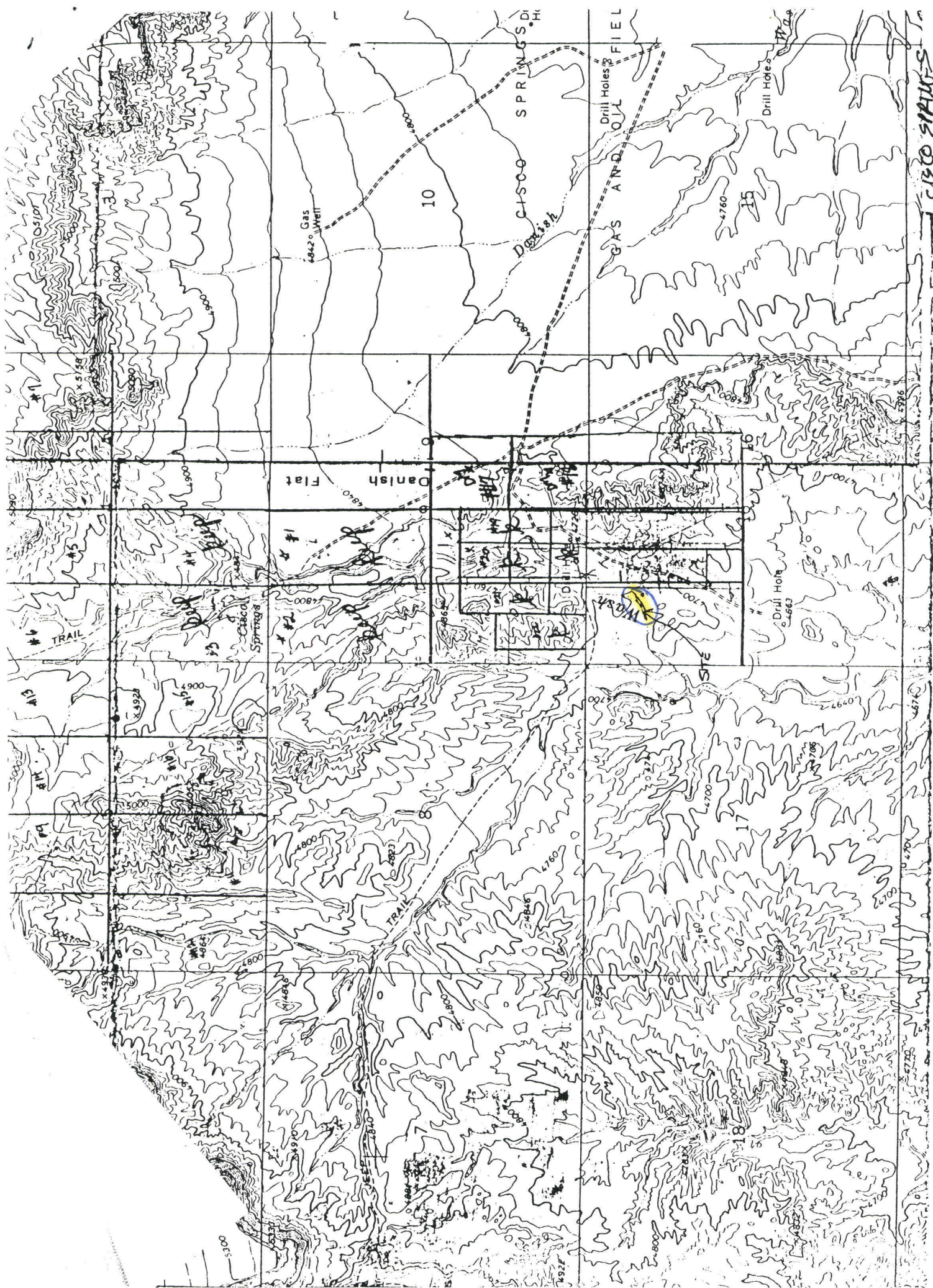
Please advise what hoops you wish me to jump through next.

Yours,

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Mike Jones





MIKE JONES

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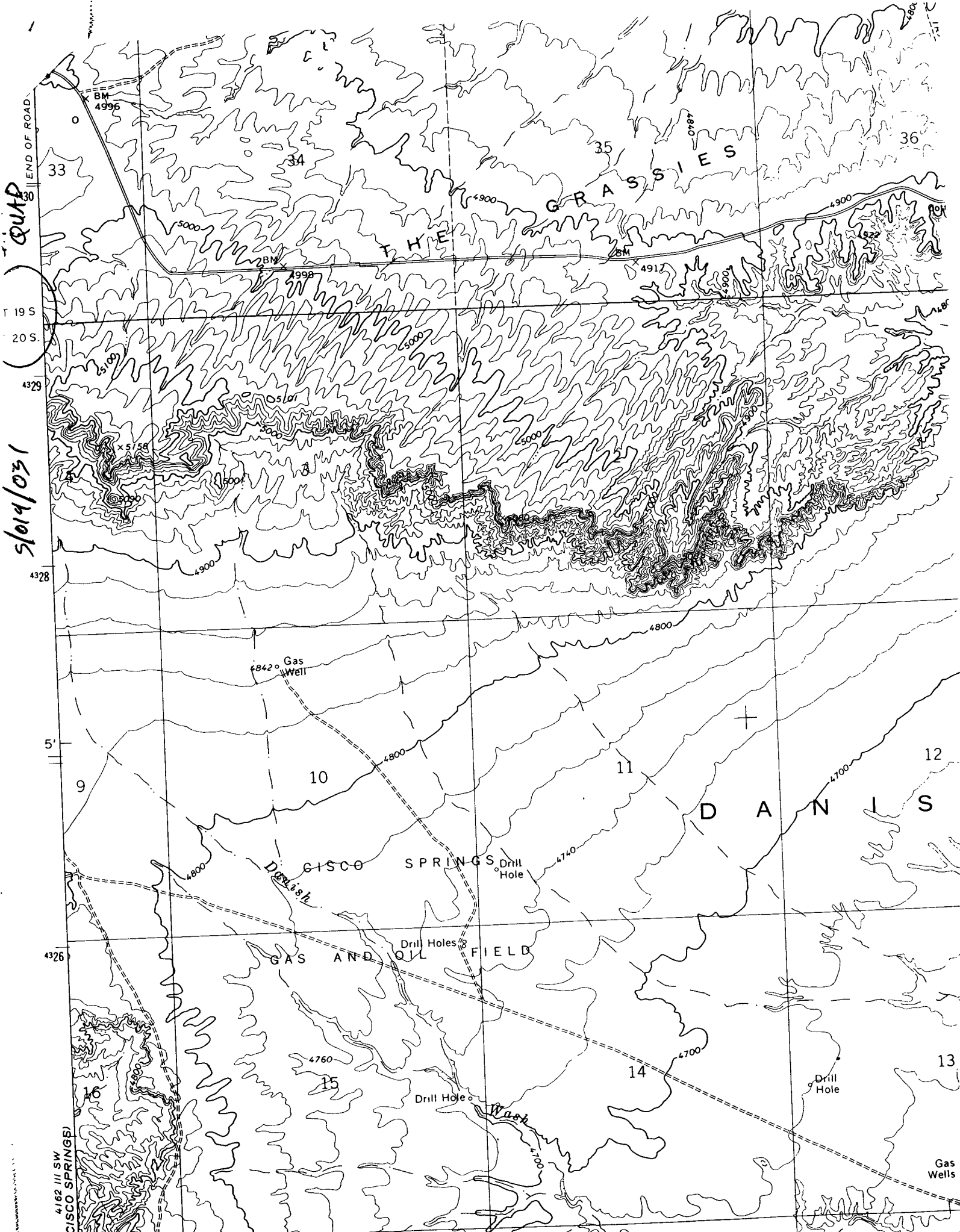
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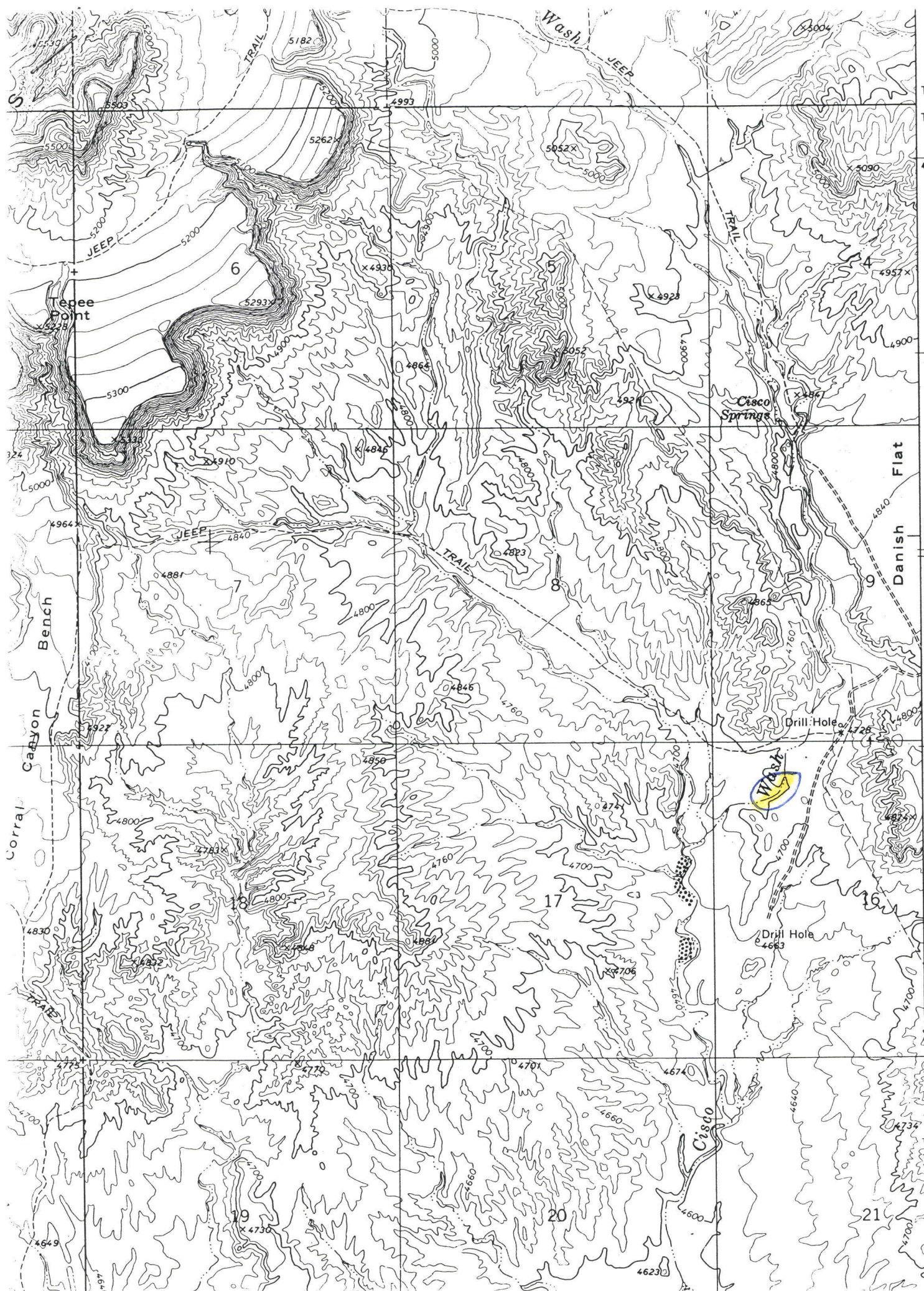


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CISCO SPRINGS #1 T20S R23E SEC 16  
514A - OFFSHORE WATERS CLOSURE  
5/019/031

CISCO SPRINGS QUAD